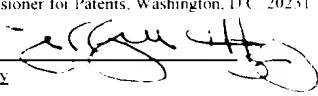


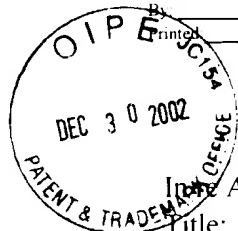
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reference to the above-referenced application, please consider and make of record the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants herein request an additional two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Office action, thereby allowing Applicants until December 30, 2002, to respond. In addition, Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the application. The response is appended to show the changes made to the specification and claims, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.